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Agency Overview

- ♦ The Indiana Commission for Women (ICW) was established in 1992 by Executive Order 92-15. In 1996, Senate Enrolled Act 500 instituted the Commission. Indiana became the 27th State in the country to create a Women's Commission. The ICW is symbolic of Indiana's true commitment in improving the quality of life for women and families.
- ♦ According to the 2000 U.S. Census report, women make up 51% of the 6,080,485 population in Indiana and 35.7% of Indiana's female population is under the age of 18. This 51% of the population is the constituency that the ICW serves on a daily basis.
- ♦ The ICW is charged with assessing the needs of Indiana women and their families and with promoting the full participation of Indiana Women in all aspects of society.
- ♦ The ICW provides outreach, support and education to Hoosier women while serving as a liaison between government and private interest groups concerned with services for women.
- ♦ The ICW informs leaders of business, education, government and media of the nature and scope of the problem of sex discrimination with a view to enlist their support in working toward improvement.
- ♦ The commission also promotes the consideration of qualified women for all levels of government and oversees the coordination and assessment of programs in all state agencies as they affect women.
- ♦ The ICW is required to evaluate laws and governmental policies with respect to the needs of women, and to monitor legislation and other legal developments in order to make recommendations to the Indiana General Assembly and the Governor on issues concerning women.
- ♦ The ICW has 14 Commissioners from all areas of the State ranging from Northwest Indiana to Evansville.